

8011-01p SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

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Extension: Rules 17Ad-22 - Standards for Clearing Agencies

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Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 ("PRA") (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the existing collection of information provided for in Rule 17Ad-22 (17 CFR 240.17Ad-22) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") (15 U.S.C. 78a et seq.). The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") for extension and approval.

Rule 17Ad-22 was adopted to strengthen the substantive regulation of clearing agencies, promote the safe and reliable operation of covered clearing agencies, and improve efficiency, transparency, and access to covered clearing agencies. The total estimated annual burden of Rule 17Ad-22 is 8,091 hours, and the total estimated annual cost is \$13,397,120.

Written comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission staff's estimates of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) the ways to enhance the quality, utility,

¹ <u>See</u> 17 CFR 240.17Ad-22; <u>see also</u> Exchange Act Release No. 34-68080 (Oct. 22, 2012), 77 FR 66219, 66225–26 (Nov. 2, 2012).

and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of

information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or

other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and

suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a

collection of information under the PRA unless it displays a currently valid OMB control

number.

Please direct your written comments to: Charles Riddle, Acting Director/Chief

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NE, Washington, DC 20549, or send an email to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov.

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